



The Minnesota Grand York Rite Session
June 22 - 24, 2023
Holiday Inn
Alexandria, MN



To the Officers and members of all Chapters, Councils and Commanderies of Minnesota York Rite:

The three presiding officers, M. E. C. **Alan Mackenzie**, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, M. I. C. **Brian Dimatteo**, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, and S. K. **David Dumonceaux**, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota, cordially invite you to attend the Annual Grand York Rite Session. The **Annual Session of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Minnesota are being held at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria, MN on June 22-24, 2023.**

ALL Minnesota Chapters, Councils and Commanderies are encouraged to send their full quota of voting delegates. Any member in good standing is welcome to attend their respective groups and encourage your Lady or guest to attend. Alexandria provides many things to do during the down time.

It is important that every Chapter, Council and Commandery in Minnesota be represented. It is in your bylaws and the duty of the dais officers and the Secretary/Recorder of every Constituent Chapter, Council and Commandery to attend their Annual Grand Session in person or by their duly authorized representative. If a dais officer is unable to attend, the proper proxy form must be filled out and presented to registration. Please follow the proper protocol for this procedure.

Please review the attached schedule of this Grand Session. There will be a Ladies program each day. ALL the chair degrees will be represented and Lotus. There is another outing to the Andria Theatre. A fabulous breakfast buffet is available to get you going in the morning. This letter also gives highlights of the events, dress codes and the food menus. We are hoping to have Illinois Regalia selling their Masonic wares.

Hotel Reservations: The Grand Session will be held at the Holiday Inn, 5637 Highway 29 South, Alexandria, MN 56308. Call 320-763-6577 and mention Grand York Rite Session to make your reservation. There is a room block set aside for June 21-24. Rooms are at a special rate of \$130 - \$160 + taxes a night depending on room style. Hotel reservations need to be made by June 1, 2023 to receive this special rate.

**The registration is online and the deadline is June 8th.
This letter and the 2023 Grand York Rite Session registration
information is available at mnyorkrite.org**

Sincerely,
The Minnesota Grand York Rite Session Committee

Rundown of Events for the 2023 Grand Session:

******SILENT AUCTION ITEMS FUNDRAISER FOR OUR PHILANTHROPIES**** IN HOSPITALITY ROOM**

BREAKFAST BUFFET EACH MORNING

Have breakfast in Willy T's for \$18 (taxes included). The cost is paid on your own.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

SPECIAL DEGREE AND DINNER FOR THE PAST GRAND HIGH PREISTS
AND THEIR LADIES

THURSDAY:

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS BEFORE THE GRAND CHAPTER
CONVOCATION AND INSTALLATION
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD
LADIES' PROGRAM
MEMORIAL SERVICE DINNER
KNIGHT OF THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE

FRIDAY:

GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION
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LADIES' PROGRAM
GRAND BANQUET
ORDER OF LOTUS

SATURDAY:

GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE AND INSTALLATION
LADIES' PROGRAM
KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS

(There will be a cost for each Ladies' program)

SATURDAY: DINNER OUT

Dinner is on your own. Enjoy a local establishment.

SATURDAY: A PERFORMANCE AT THE ANDRIA THEATRE 7PM

618 Broadway St., Alexandria

The local playhouse will be presenting a youth performance of "NEWSIES". A certain number of seats will be reserved. The cost is \$18 per person. Seats are limited.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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All of this information can be found on the mnyorkrite.org website.

The registration is being done online.

**You can pay with a credit card or send in a check with your printed registration form
to the address above.**

Checks made payable to MN GYRS.

Dress Code

Public Welcome	Grand Officers: red, purple or suit coats without aprons Companions/Sir Knights: suit or business casual No jeans and T-shirts Ladies informal
Grand Chapter Session..... & Installation	Grand Officers: Red Jackets with aprons Companions: suit or business casual with aprons No Jeans and T-shirts
Grand Council Session	Grand Officers: Purple Jackets with aprons Companions: suit or business casual with aprons No Jeans and T-shirts
Grand Commandery Session:..... & Installation	Grand Officers: Full uniform Sir Knights: Full Uniform (per your Commanderies code) or dark suit No Jeans and T-shirts
Luncheons/Dinners	Casual
Grand Banquet.....	Grand Officers and Distinguished Guests: Tuxedo or K. T. Uniform less belt, sword and chapeau Grand Officers' Ladies: Formal Distinguished Guests' Ladies: Formal Companions/Sir Knights: Uniform less sword, belt and chapeau or dark suit Companions'/Sir Knights' Ladies: Semiformal

Meals

You should reserve your meals by filling out the Registration Form online and send in by the deadline June 8th. We cannot guarantee the meals after the deadline.

In order that you may make informed choices for your dining selections, we are providing the menus for the various meals. If you have any special dietary requirements, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you.

A breakfast buffet will be available Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning.

The prices for each meal are provided on the registration form.

Breakfasts.....In Willy T's Each Morning, Buffet Style. The Cost is on Your Own

Wednesday

PGHP's and Ladies DinnerTurkey Dinner, Mashed Potatoes and Veggie, Garden Salad (PGHP's and their Ladies only) Served with Coffee and Iced Tea. Cost - \$30

Thursday

Joint Lunch.....Burger and Brat Bar. Burger Fixings, Chips, Garden Salad, Potato Salad. Served with Coffee and Iced Tea. Cost - \$25

Dinner..... Italian Pasta Buffet. Pasta, Sauces, Chicken, Veggies, Garden Salad. Served with Coffee and Iced Tea. Cost - \$30

Friday

Joint Lunch..... Soup and Deli Buffet. Build a Sandwich, Soup, Garden Salad, Pasta. Served with Coffee and Iced Tea. Cost - \$25

Banquet..... Choice of: Northwoods Chicken with Mornay Sauce or Prime Rib of Pork or Maple Glazed Salmon. All come with Garden Salad, Veggie, Potato and Assorted Crème Pies. Served with Coffee and Iced Tea. Cost - \$40

Saturday

Joint Lunch..... Baked Chicken and Pot Roast with Garlic Mashed Potato and Veggies. Served with Coffee and Iced Tea. Cost - \$25

Dinner..... On your own or go as a group to a local restaurant

****There will be no on-site meal sales.****

****You must get your meal reservation in before the registration deadline.****

SCHEDULE FOR THE MINNESOTA GRAND CHAPTER, GRAND COUNCIL
AND GRAND COMMANDERY GRAND YORK RITE SESSION
JUNE 22, 23 & 24, 2023

There will be a breakfast available each morning at 7 AM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Registration
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Past Grand High Priests and Their Ladies Dinner & Degree

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

8:00 am - 11:00 am Registration
8:00 am - 11:30 am Hospitality Room Open
8:15 am - 9:00 am Grand Opening, Welcome and Introductions
9:00 am Philanthropies Silent Auction Open (Closes 4 PM Friday)
9:15 am - 12:00 pm **161st GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION**
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Joint Lunch
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm 2023 - 2024 Grand Chapter Officers Installation and Photos
2:30 pm - 5:00 pm Ladies' Program TBD
2:30 pm - 5:00 pm Hospitality Room Open
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Order of High Priesthood
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner, Memorial Service
7:15 pm - 8:00 pm Knight of the Royal Arch Ceremony
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm Hospitality Room Open
8:30 pm - 9:30 pm Royal Arch Widows Degree

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

8:00 am - 11:00 am Registration
8:00 am - 11:00 am Hospitality Room Open
9:15 am - 12:00 pm **153rd GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Joint Lunch
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm 2023 - 2024 Grand Council Officers Installation and Photos
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Hospitality Room Open
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Thrice Illustrious Master
2:45 pm - 4:30 pm Ladies' Program TBD
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm ISH SODI
4:00 pm Silent Auction Closed
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Social / Cash Bar
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Grand Banquet and Awards Presentations
9:30 pm Order of Lotus

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

7:00 am - 7:45 am Past Grand Commanders' Breakfast
7:30 am - 10:00 am Registration
8:00 am - 1:00 pm Hospitality Room Open
8:00 am - 11:30 am **158th GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE**
11:45 am - 12:45 pm Joint Lunch
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm 2023 - 2024 Grand Commandery Officers Installation and Photos
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Ladies' Program TBD
2:00 pm - 3:45 pm Knight Crusaders of the Cross
5:00 pm Dinner on Your Own
7:00 pm Andria Theatre

*Schedule subject to change